

Remarks

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-47 are canceled and new claims 48-73 are added to the application by this Amendment. After entry of this Amendment, claims 48-73 are pending in the present application.

II. Form Requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.173 (b),(d)

The action states that previously canceled claims 1-46 must be presented in their entire content and place between brackets. This is incorrect. Section 1.173(b)(2) specifically states: “[e]ach patent claim and each added claim must include markings pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section, *except that a patent claim or added claim should be canceled by a statement canceling the claim without presentation of the text of the claim.*” (emphasis added). In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b)(2), this Amendment includes a statement canceling claims 1-47.

III. Consent of Assignee

The application was objected to as allegedly lacking the written consent of the assignee in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.172. Filed herewith is a new Consent by Assignee for Filing of Reissue of Patent Application identifying the present application. Thus, this objection should be withdrawn.

IV. Declaration

The action contends that the reissue declaration filed in the application is defective, and claim 47 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 251 as being based upon an allegedly defective reissue declaration. Enclosed herewith are newly executed reissue declarations by the inventors and by the assignee incorporating the language required by the Office action. Applicants submit that the newly executed declarations address the alleged deficiencies of the previously filed declarations, and respectfully request that the rejection of claim 47 under 35 U.S.C. § 251 be withdrawn.

V. Double Patenting Rejection of Claim 47

Claim 47 also was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for double patenting. By this Amendment, claim 47 has been canceled and new claims 48-73 have been added to the

application. Claims 48-73 are directed to respective combination of features that are not claimed in prior U.S. Patent No. RE 38,493. Thus, this rejection should be withdrawn.

VI. Support for New Claims Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c), support for new claims 48-73 is found in the original patent as follows:

Claim 48 is supported at, for example, col. 10, lines 1-9 and lines 15-26, and in FIG. 1, numbered elements 37 or 77.

Claim 49 is supported at, for example, col. 10, lines 34-43.

Claim 50 is supported at, for example, col. 10, lines 34-43.

Claim 51 is supported at, for example, col. 9, lines 61-67, and in FIG. 1, numbered element 36.

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Claim 53 is supported at, for example, col. 10, lines 1-2, and in FIG. 1, numbered element 41.

Claim 54 is supported at, for example, col. 12, lines 28-32, and in FIG. 1, numbered elements 154 and 155.

Claim 55 is supported at, for example, col. 10, line 65 -- col. 11, line 4.

Claim 56 is supported at, for example, col. 10, line 65 -- col. 11, line 28 and col. 13, line 65 -- col. 14, line 4.

Claim 57 is supported at, for example, col. 25, lines 13-25 and col. 26, lines 21-30.

Claim 58 is supported at, for example, col. 10, lines 59-64.

Claim 59 is supported at, for example, col. 9, lines 53-64.

Claim 60 is supported at, for example, col. 10, lines 34-43.

Claim 61 is supported at, for example, col. 10, lines 1-2, and in FIG. 1, numbered element 41.

Claim 62 is supported at, for example, col. 12, lines 28-32, and in FIG. 1, numbered elements 154 and 155.

Claim 63 is supported at, for example, col. 10, line 65 -- col. 11, line 4.

Claim 64 is supported at, for example, col. 9, lines 61-67, and in FIG. 1, numbered element 36.

Claim 65 is supported at, for example, col. 9, lines 61-67, and in FIG. 1, numbered element 36.

Claim 66 is supported at, for example, col. 9, lines 61-67, and in FIG. 1, numbered element 36.

Claim 67 is supported at, for example, col. 10, lines 3-5 and lines 53-55.

Claim 68 is supported at, for example, col. 10, lines 53-55 and in FIGS. 1 and 2, numbered element 36.

Claim 69 is supported at, for example, col. 10, lines 53-55 and in FIGS. 1 and 2, numbered element 36.

Claim 70 is supported at, for example, col. 11, lines 3-28 and col. 13, line 65 -- col. 14, line 4; col. 11, lines 17-18 and lines 37-43 and in FIG. 1, numbered elements 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, and 95; and col. 12, lines 31-32 and 46-49.

Claim 71 is supported at, for example, col. 12, lines 31-32 and 46-49.

Claim 72 is supported at, for example, col. 10, lines 59-64.

Claim 73 is supported at, for example, col. 10, lines 59-64.

VII. Conclusion

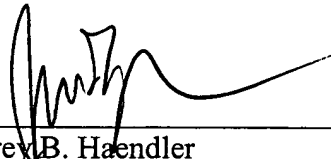
The present application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any further issues remain concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to discuss such matters.

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